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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL

July 29, 1959

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2430 E Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Attached is the itinerary of the Secretary for his proposed trip abroad. This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.

It is understood that this will be handled with extreme care and not disseminated to anyone outside your Agency.

Very truly yours,

W. George Goold

Assistant Director for Security & Investigations

Attachment

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PROPOSED ITINERARY - Secretary Ears Taft Benson

European Trip August 20 - September 8, 1959

Thursda	KY	
August	20.	1959

8:00 a.m.

Lv. Washington, D. C.

2:15 p.m.

Special Air Missions of USAF plane Ar. Argentia, Newfoundland

Lv. Argentia

3:45 p.m.

Friday

August 21, 1959

2:30 a.m.

Ar. Prestwick, Scotland

4:00 a.m.

Lv. Prestwick

9:00 a.m.

Ar. Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Saturday

August 22, 1959

8:00 a.m.

Lv. Belgrade

12:00 poon

Ar. Berlin, Germany

Sunday

August 23, 1959

In Berlin

Monday

August 24, 1959

8:00 a.m.

August 25, 1959

Lv. Berlin

Ar. Warsen, Poland

10:30 a.m.

Quesday

Official visits, Embassy, Ministry of Agriculture. Visits to tractor station, state farm, collective and private farm. Visit Cracow, old town where Polish kings

used to be crowned. Many magnificant churches and interesting Free Catholic

University.

3:00 p.m.

Lv. Warsaw

7:30 p.m.

Ar. Moscow, Russia

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Wednesday

August 26, 1959 and

In Moscow

Taursday.

August 27, 1959

Visits and conferences in American Embassy and Ministries of Agriculture of the USSR and RSFSR (Russian Federation), U. S. Agr. Exhibits at Moscow Fair, USSR Agricultural Exhibition, Timiryasey Agr. Academy o and the Lenin Academy of Agr. Sciences.

Friday

August 28, 1959

8:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Lv. Moscow

Ar. Kiev (Capital Ukraianian SSR)

Kiev - 15 days

Visits and conferences in the Ukraianian Ministry of Agriculture and the Ukraianian

Academy of Agr. Science.

Saturday

August 29, 1939

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3:15 p.m.

Lv. Kiev

Ar. Leningrad

Sunday

August 30, 1959

Visit Agricultural Research Centers,

Paleces, Cathedrals, etc.

2:00 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

Lv. Leningrad

Ar. Helsinki, Finland (1 hr. time change)

In Finland

Monday

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August 31, 1959 and

Official visits. Embassy, Ministry

of Agriculture.

Visit farms and agricultural

research center at Tikkurila or Jacobstad.

Wednesday

September 2, 1959

September 1, 1959

7:30 a.m.

Lv. Helsinki

Ar. Stockholm, Sweden 8:00 a.m.

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Official visits. Embassy, Ministry of Agriculture. Discuss elimination of small uneconomic units.

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Thursday

September 3, 1959

1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Lv. Stockholm Ar. Oslo, Norway

Norway - 15 days

Friday September 4, 1959 Official visits. Embassy, Ministry of Agriculture, Possibly Agricultural College and Research Center at Ass just outside Oslo.

Saturday

September 5, 1959

6:00 a.m. 7:45 a.m. Lv. Oslo

Ar. Brussels, Belgium

Sunday

September 6, 1959

7:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Lv. Brussels

Ar. London, England

Monday

September 7, 1959

Official visits.

Embassy, Ministry of Agriculture, Board of Trade.

Farms.

8:15 p.m.

Lv. London

Tuesday

September 8, 1959

12:15 a.m.

Ar. Keflavik, Iceland

1:45 a.m.

Lv. Keflavík

6:00 a.m.

Ar. Argentia, Newfoundland

7:30 a.m.

Lv. Argentia

11:30 a.m.

Ar. Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Attached is the proposed itinerary for

Secretary Benson's European trip August 20
September 8. We understand that at this time

Presidential approval has not been received.

3 August 1959
(DATE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR	
I have been in touch with Secretary Benson's office and he will be delighted to come over here for a briefing prior to his departure. He will wait until his plans are a little more firm and will then have his Assistant, Mr. Kirkham, contact me to arrange a mutually satisfactory time.	
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